

Marines SAVED ROUNDS

Deployed Marines Get "Free Subscriptions!"

As war with Iraq becomes imminent, *Marine Corps Times* is offering to help deployed Marines by providing them with free copies of their publication. Since they can no longer send mail to "any Marine," they need unit names and addresses.

Marine Corps Times would be glad to send the papers to the unit Public Affairs Officer, or any "titled" person in the unit, and they can send enough to take care of the entire unit.

This is *Marine Corps Times'* way to provide our servicemen and women with military news, as well as a way to keep up with news from home. Please e-mail your requests and any questions to Elisha Galbraith at egalbra@atpco.com. **M**

"On-the-go" Technology; Marine Corps Technology on the Rise

By Lance Cpl. Sara A. Carter, MCB Quantico

The Marine Corps Distance Learning Program has also taken the plunge into the computer age.

The Distance Learning Program affords users the ability to enroll in and complete online courses, like Marine

Corps Institute, information technology, business skills, and leadership and management. It also allows access to training and education materials.

Being able to access these courses "anytime and anywhere" makes it easier for Marines to complete the courses in record time, said Steve Brown, Director of Marketing for the Distance Learning Center, Training and Education Command.

"With the online system, a Marine can go to the Web site, www.marinenet.usmc.mil, register for a course and begin it right away," said Brown.

At any time, an individual can go to the Web site and work on their course from the last point at which they stopped. Once the course is completed, they can go to their Learning Resource Center, take the test online, and receive their grade and 15 points toward their cutting score automatically.

Speed is only one benefit to this program. Maj. Tom Wright, operations officer, Distance Learning Center, TECOM said the primary reason interactive multimedia instruction is so effective is that it stimulates multiple senses using audio, video, graphics and animation.

"It is designed to be at the user's level, and individuals can work at speeds and locations convenient to them," said Brown.

There are 18 Learning Research Centers located on Marine Corps bases around the world. These centers, open 60 hours per week, allow

Marines to work on their courses and take final exams.

"(This program) makes every computer in the Marine Corps a training device," said Brown.

For more information on the Distance Learning Program visit their Web site at www.tecom.usmc.mil/dlc. **M**

Camp Pendleton Lauded Best Base

In the December issue of *Marine Corps Times*, Camp Pendleton, Calif., was selected as the 2nd Annual Best, through an award program sponsored by GEICO direct. As the winner of the *Marine Corps Times* "Best Base" award, Camp Pendleton is recognized as the Marine Corps base achieving the highest quality of life in living conditions, community spirit and support for servicemembers, and their families, during 2002. The *Marine Corps Times* "Best Base" award is unique and particularly meaningful because it is selected from input by the readership of *Marine Corps Times* — Marines. This is a "grass-roots" award, and a recognition of a superior Marine Corps base by those who actually live and work there, or has been stationed there in the past.

For more information on the winners and the awards program, log onto www.MarineCorpsTimes.com/best-base. **M**

Marine Corps Celebrates Women Marines' Contributions

By Staff Sgt. Cindy Fisher, ARLINGTON, Va.

Gen. Michael W. Hagee, the 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, hosted a ceremony Feb. 21 to recognize the contributions women have made in the Corps. The ceremony, held at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery, marked the 60th anniversary of continuous service by women Marines. Although 305 women served in the Marine Corps during World War I, all were separated from service by June 30, 1919. The Marine Corps Women's Reserve wasn't established until Feb. 13, 1943, during World War II.

Truly, in the years since women first entered the Corps, their roles have changed from the clerical work they were limited to in World War I. Women can now serve in 93 percent of all occupational fields and 62 percent of all billets. "Revolution, not evolution, is truly applicable for women in the Corps. Today, women are forward deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Today, (women) raise their hand to serve-not to free a man to fight-but to serve beside them," said Maj. Gen. Frances C. Wilson, the senior active-duty woman in the Marine Corps.

The commandant remarked on his recent tour of the Central Command Area of Responsibility where he visited forward-deployed Marines in Bahrain, Kuwait and Afghanistan. "There were women Marines at every single location and no one noticed because they were Marines. They were qualified. They were doing their jobs and they were Marines," Gen Hagee said. In today's Marine Corps, "if a Marine is qualified, regardless of gender, if she has the MOS and qualifications, then she is going," he said.

The concept "once a Marine, always Marine" holds just as true for female Marines as it does for their male counterparts, said retired Lt.

Gen. Carol A. Mutter, now president of the Women Marine Association. "We honor our history and we celebrate those who are continuing our legacy. Women in the Marine Corps today will continue to be a significant contributor to all that goes on." **M**



▲ Sgt. Leah Cobble, a 24-year-old from Penhook, Va., with Marine Barracks 8th and I, waits in the Hall of Honor at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. She participated in a wreath laying with the Commandant of the Marine Corps that started the Feb. 21 ceremony celebrating the service of women in the Marine Corps.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Cindy Fisher

Holocaust Remembrance Day

The Navy/Marine Corps Team supports the Days of Remembrance at The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. This year's remembrance is celebrated from April 27 to May 4.

The Holocaust—not merely a story of destruction and loss—is a story of an apathetic world and a few rare individuals of extraordinary courage. It is a remarkable story of the human spirit and the life that flourished before the Holocaust, struggled during its darkest hours, and ultimately prevailed as survivors rebuilt their lives.

For further information, please contact: Days of Remembrance, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W. Washington, DC 20024, or see the museum's Web page at www.ushmm.org.

